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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
THURLSTONE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

The net number of deaths for the District for the past year was 29—12 males and 17 females.

The estimated population of the District is 2,560 a decrease of 18 on the previous year.

The mortality for the year was 11.3 per thousand of the population, against a mortality of 12.8 in the previous year. The death-rate for England and Wales was 12.2 per thousand, and the death-rate for 157 smaller towns was 11.2 per thousand.

There was only one death from contagious disease, viz., a case of Influenza.

The total number of births was 32, viz, 15 male and 17 female births. This gives a birth-rate of 12.5 per thousand of the population, against a birth-rate of 17.8 per thousand in the previous year. The birth-rate of England and Wales was 18.3 per thousand.

The number of deaths of children under one year was 6, of which one was illegitimate. There were three male and three female deaths. This gives an infantile mortality of 187.5 per thousand births registered. The cause of such a high infantile mortality was that four deaths were due to premature birth, a case of twins and two other children.

During the year 132 inspections of property were made and 46 nuisances reported. Eighteen nuisances were left over from the previous year, making a total of 64. Of these 42 have been abated, and there were 22 outstanding at the end of the year. Thirty-three informal and four statutory notices were served, of which 30 informal and 3 statutory notices were complied with.

This year's report, according to the instructions from the Ministry of Health, is to be a survey report showing the progress made during the previous five years and the changes in housing, water supply, scavenging, food inspection, and other services.

POPULATION AND HOUSING.

There has been a continuous reduction in the population of the District during the past five years. The population, which was 2,741 in 1921, has been reduced to 2,560 in 1925, a reduction of 181 in the five years.

The number of houses in 1921 was 643 and the number in the past year was 654, so eleven new houses have been built in the past five years. One house has been built in the last year.

The District is a very scattered one. The acreage is 8,116, so there are $3\frac{1}{6}$ acres to each person.

The scattered state of the District makes it almost impossible for the public services of water supply, sewerage, and scavenging to be available to all parts.

WATER SUPPLY.

During the past year the water supply has been satisfactory and there has been no curtailment of the supply.

There has been no extension of the water supply during the past five years, and there has been no improvement in the unsatisfactory supplies to some farms and outlying groups of houses where they are supplied from wells, which are short of water in dry seasons and liable to pollution.

DRAINAGE.

There has been no extension of the sewers during the past five years. The drainage is satisfactory for those houses which can be drained into the public sewers, but in other parts where it has to be run into cesspools or on the land it is unsatisfactory.

The drainage of the Netherfield district, including the Grammar School and the Workhouse, has not yet been dealt with, although it has been urgent for the last five years. At the end of the year negotiations were still going on with the Penistone District Council, but no agreement had been come to.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Some good work has been done during the last five years in improving the closet accommodation. Twenty additional water-closets have been provided, either by converting privies into water-closets or building new ones. Twenty privies have been reconstructed since 1921.

SCAVENGING.

There has been no change in the scavenging during the last five years and more attention requires giving to it, as some of the privies are not emptied often enough.

MILK SUPPLY.

No special improvement has been made in the milk supply of the District. No samples of milk have been taken for analysis by the District Council during the past five years. Seven cowkeepers have now been registered. The Sanitary Inspector has made frequent inspections of the cowsheds.

FOOD SUPPLY.

The slaughter-houses are constantly inspected ; none are registered and none of them comply with the Bye-laws. No samples of food of any kind have been taken for analysis, and no unsound food has been seized during the past five years.

THE SCHOOLS.

I inspected all the Schools and found the sanitary arrangements satisfactory except at the Town End School. The Thurlstone Infant School was closed during January for an epidemic of Mumps, and the Millhouse School was closed for a fortnight at the end of May and beginning of June on account of Chickenpox.

THE STANHOPE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

There have been six cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the past year, of which four were removed to the Isolation Hospital. The houses were all thoroughly disinfected after the removal of the cases.

FACTORIES.

I inspected the Factories. The sanitary requirements are satisfactory at most of them, and there are ample means of escape in case of fire. There is no satisfactory water supply to the closets at the Oil Mill, and the closets at Bridge Mills are in a bad state of repair.

CHILD WELFARE AND MATERNITY CENTRE.

Many babies and school children are taken to the Child Welfare Clinic at Penistone for treatment and advice, but very few expectant mothers attend.

SUMMARY.

During the past five years much good sanitary work has been done in the abatement of nuisances, improving the closet accommodation to old property, disinfection of houses after removal of infection and tuberculosis cases, but there is still much sanitary work to be done, as there is so much old property all over the District.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR C. J. WILSON.

TABLE C, 1925.

Thurlstone Urban Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only—132	
Nuisances reported in 1925—16	Total needing abatement—64
Nuisances in hand end of 1924—18	Abated during 1925—42
	Outstanding end of 1925—22
Informal Notices served—33	Complied with—30
Statutory Notices served—4	Complied with—3
Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—0	

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Common Lodging Houses—No. in District, 1; total No. of Inspections made, 3; general condition—Clean and well conducted	
Legal proceedings—0	
Canal Boats—0	
Knackers' Yards—0	
Tents, Vans, and Sheds—; Inspections—; Condition—	
Offensive Trades—No. in District, 0; No. on Register, 0; Total No. of Inspections made, 0; Legal Proceedings, 0	
Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—	

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Developments during 1925—None	
Developments still needed—Want of sewers—Netherfield district	
Improvement of defective sewers—None	
Sewage Disposal Works—(a) Any inadequacy—No	
(b) Any complaints—No	
Are there any sink-wastes still needing disconnection—No	

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens—2	
No. of Pail or Tub Closets—34	
No. of Privies with covered middens—362	
No. of Water Closets—129; Waste Water Closets—50	
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as W.C.'s, 0;	
(b) other, 4	
No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—	
(a) W.C.'s, 0; (b) other, 0	
No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses—(a) W.C.'s, 2;	
(b) other, 1	

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1925?—No.	
Performed by (a) Council—Netherfield area.	(b) Contractor—
Lower end of District, Crowedge.	(c) Owners or Occupiers—
Dunford Bridge and outlying district	
How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (a) Destructor—None.	
(b) Tips—540 (c) Farmers—149 (d) Total annual cost—£150	
Is there any inadequacy and where?—No	
Any utilization of salvage or waste material?—No	

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1925—No
Restricted in any way?—No
If so, for how many days?—
Hours of day when cut off—
Any general insufficiency, and where?—Outlying houses not supplied from public mains
Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where—No
Any new sources added?—No Any disused sources re-used—No

MILK SUPPLY—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act?—(a) For Retailers, Yes (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes
Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies Amendment Act, 1922, to distributors of?—"Certified" milk—No.
"Grade A"—No. "Grade A (Tuberculin tested)"—No.
"Grade A (Pasteurised)"—No. "Pasteurised"—No.
Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested—No
Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No
No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts—0 No. adulterated—
No. of samples taken by Officers of S A. for bacteriological examination—0
What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Cows—None
Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925—0
No. of Milk Cows kept in District—No record
No. of Cowkeepers in district—18 No. registered—7
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers—13 No. who are Milk Retailers only—0 Total No. of Milk Sellers registered—7
Total No. of Cowsheds—20 No. of Inspections in 1925—80
Cowkeepers, 80; Retailers, 0
Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations—
Any Legal Action—None
Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent—No

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S A. for examination under the Food & Drugs Acts—0 No. adulterated—
Any special examination of Milk for Dirt?—No; the Inspector makes enquiries
No. of seizures of unsound food—0; Kind and quantity—
No. of Prosecutions—
Any Public Abattoir?—No
No. of Slaughter Houses—3; No. registered—0; No. licensed—0; Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position—Not quite satisfactory
Times each Slaughter house was inspected—8
Total No. of Inspections—24
No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs, 0; (b) Unsound Food, 0; (c) *re* Slaughter Houses—0
No. of Bakehouses—1 Any underground—0 Total No. of Inspections—4

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District—5. No. visited by M.O.H.—5
Action taken—No action Schools closed by M.O.H.—Thurlstone
Infants for Mumps, Jan. 7th to 30th; Millhouse, Chicken Pox, May 25th to June 8th

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations taken—4 No. of cautions—0
Legal notices—0 Summonses—0
No. of Workshops—0 Times each Workshop was inspected—
Total Inspections—
Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed—No

ADOPTIVE ACTS—

Any adopted during 1925—0
Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925—

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District, and date of approval

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements—1885
Scavenging—1885
New Streets and Buildings—1915
Slaughter-houses—1895
Houses let in Lodgings—1895
Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town
Planning Act, 1919—No

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925—
State months—
Any diseases specially added to notifiable list—No
Any influences threatening the health of the District—No
Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases?—No
Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages?—No

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS—

(a) General : Accident—Yes. Where?—Sheffield Infirmary
Children—Yes. Where?—Sheffield Children's Hospital
(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage—None
(c) Infectious, General—Yes. Where?—The Stanhope
Isolation Hospital
Smallpox—Yes. Where?—Oxspring, Penistone
(d) Maternity—None in District Where?—
Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases?—No
(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council
Scheme—None
Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious
Diseases Hospital—No
Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital—No
(b) Smallpox Hospital—No

TUBERCULOSIS—

Inspection of Patient's home and workshop—Yes
Examination for contacts—No
Is house disinfected—Yes When?—After patient's removal
Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed—None
Action *re* Spitting?—Advice given
Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary—
Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis
with T.B. in sputum?—No
Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification
observed by general practitioners?—Yes

BACTERIOLOGY—

(County Laboratory) Any suggestions—No

INFANTILE MORTALITY—

Any suggestions—No
Any Voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare?—No
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925—Four cases of
Premature Birth
Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action?—No

SUGGESTIONS will be welcomed regarding—

- (a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes—None
- (b) Ante-natal schemes—None

VITAL STATISTICS—

Number of Still Births during 1925—No information

DEATHS DURING 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the district, without any correction—Males 15, Females 17

(2) Number of uncertified deaths (included above)—None

MORTUARIES—

What mortuary accommodation—

- (a) for accidents—
- (b) for infectious cases other than at Hospital—
- (c) For other purposes—

Any suggestions made by M.O.H. ?

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of M.O.H.—£32

Name of Sanitary Inspector—R. Longden

Annual Salary as Inspector—£75

Other appointments held—Surveyor and Water Works Manager

Salary for such other appointments—£175

Any Assistants—No.

Is Staff sufficient—Yes

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health?—Yes.

CLINICS—Any suggestions?—

Tuberculosis—No

Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest—No

Child Welfare—No

Ante-Natal—No

School—No

Dental—No

Ophthalmia—No

ANY REMARKS AS TO—

Voluntary Agencies for social betterment—No

District Nursing Association—No

Any Dispensary—No

Purpose of—No

Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.)—No

Tuberculosis, Home Visiting—No

Dental Service—No

Midwifery Services—No

Propaganda work *re* Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases—No

HOUSING—See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2)—None

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS—None

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary Requirements of District, Suggestions of Medical Officer of Health, and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.—

Drainage to Netherfield District and repairs to old property

Summary of Housing Work during 1925.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. (Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923)—16

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects. (Public Health Acts)—26

Houses totally unfit for human habitation. (Section 17) 1909—0

Houses inspected for “Housing defects” in 1925 under Acts and Regulations.

Total inspected and recorded—26

Houses found satisfactory on inspection—19

Houses needing further action—7

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1, 1925.

Houses found with defects—4

Houses of this class remedied without formal notice—8

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—4

Houses made fit after formal notice—2

Houses in respect of which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices—2

Action under P.H. Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1 of 1925.

Houses found with defects—3

Houses remedied without service of formal notice—8

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—10

Houses made satisfactory after formal notice—6

Unfit Houses—Action under Section 17 or 18, 1909 ; Sections 9, 11, 14 of 1925

Houses found to be totally unfit—0

Houses closed voluntarily—0

Unfit Houses remedied without formal notice—0

Houses represented to Council for closing orders—0

Houses in respect of which closing orders were made—0

Houses closed after service of closing orders—0

Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council—0

Houses demolished voluntarily—0

Houses for which demolition orders were made—0

Houses demolished compulsorily—0

Appeals—

Appeals against notices under Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923, or Section 3, 1925—0

Appeals against closing orders under Section 17, 1909 ; Section 14 (4), 1925—0

Appeals under Section 17 (6) 1909, or Section 11 (6) 1925, refusal to determine closing orders—0

Appeals against demolition orders, Section 18, 1909 ; Sec. 14, 1925—0

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925 :—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation, Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923 ; Section 1, 1925—8

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects (Public Health Acts)—15

Houses totally unfit (Sections 17 and 18) 1909 ; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925—0

Other action in regard to Housing :—

Total number of houses in district—654

Number of working-class houses—527

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919—No information

Obstructive Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act?—No

Result of action (if any)—

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2), or by a Justice of the Peace, Parish Council, or 4 Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act—No

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I or II. of the 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—None

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act?—No

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses required for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—No

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed.—Any action under Section 12 of 1925 Act—No

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925—None

Any complaints by Parish Council under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894—No

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899 to 1923—No

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where?—The lower end of the District, Millhouse and Dunford Bridge

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where?—The lower end of the District

Any special activity in house building, and where?—No

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925—None

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925 :—(a) Working Class Dwellings—1 (b) Other—1

State-aided Housing Schemes.

(a) Scheme under 1919 Act—Number of houses erected in 1925—(1) By Council—None (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy—None

(b) Scheme under 1923 Act—

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act—No

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval—No Has it been approved—

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same—

Is assistance given to private individuals? (a) By lump sum—Yes. If so, how much—£90. (b) By annual payments for 20 years of £— (c) By periodical payments to a Building Society—

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925—None

Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925—None

Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925—None

(c) Scheme under 1924 Act.

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry—None

Number of houses completed under special conditions—None

Number of houses purchased with approval of Ministry—None

Total number of houses provided under all state aided schemes in 1925
—None

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee?—Yes.

If so, which?—Sheffield

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a
scheme?—No

Any scheme contemplated?—No If so, for what area?—

Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925?—No

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in
1925?—No

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925?—
No

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the
Ministry for approval?—No

Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under
Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910?—
None appointed

